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Colts come through in end, win 1st game in almost a month

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GUNMAN HITS RURAL CHURCH IN TEXAS

Law enforcement officials confer at the scene in Sutherland Springs, Texas. NICK WAGNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP

At least 26 killed, including children, another 10 injured, officials say

Details were scarce but the toll high in a shooting Sunday at a rural church about 35 miles east of San Antonio. At least 25 were killed and 10 more wounded when a gunman opened fire at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, officials said. Children were reportedly among the dead, including the pastor's 14-year-old daughter. The gunman, identified by officials as Devin Kelley, 26, of nearby Comal County, Texas, fled the scene and was fatally shot after a short police pursuit. It was unclear if he was killed by officers or took his own life.

"This is something that happens in a big city. I would never have thought this would have taken place here. It's just too tight a community. It doesn't make sense."

Carrie Matula
who heard the shooting from a nearby gas station

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Gifts flow in as solar policy is pushed

Indiana politicians received thousands

Emily Hopkins and Sarah Bowman
Indianapolis Star
USA TODAY NETWORK

Indianapolis Colts games. Cigar bars. Cocktail lounges and dinners at Indy's top spots.

It may sound like the life of a top CEO or a major celebrity. But in fact, it's all in a day's work for some Indiana legislators.

An IndyStar review has found that as the General Assembly was considering crucial energy legislation, utilities and their political action committees poured millions into the legislative body in the form of gifts, entertainment, campaign contributions and lobbying.

Gifts and entertainment? Check. During the 2015, 2016 and 2017 reporting periods, investor-owned utilities and the organization that represents them spent more than $109,000 entertaining Indiana General Assembly legislators. More than $32,000 was spent entertaining members of the Senate and House committees focused on utility legislation.

Campaign contributions? Check. Since the latest net metering policies were enacted in Indiana in 2011, political action committees representing Indiana's five investor-owned utilities have poured nearly $1.7 million into state candidates.

Lobbying? A big check. From 2014

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What did they do?

Other Midwestern states deal with the solar question, **3A**

This is why Carmel, Noblesville are betting on ice skating rinks

John Tuohy
Indianapolis Star
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With Carmel and Noblesville building outdoor ice rinks this year and a developer proposing a rink in Fishers, one could get the idea that skating had edged out basketball as the state's favorite recreational activity.

Not to worry, city officials say, the triple lutz won't replace the triple-double in popularity anytime soon.

Instead, the sudden surge of the ice skating can be traced to a trend by cities to build open public spaces designed to draw people together. Cities have sought to make their downtowns busier by building apartments, luring restaurants and shops and constructing public squares that will keep people around for more than dinner and a new piece of vintage clothing.

Now, the trick for city planners is to keep them coming in the winter.

This year, Noblesville opened Federal Hills Commons, a park with an amphitheater and farmer's market in the summer but a gap in winter programming. So the city hired a company to

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The west side of the Muncie Fieldhouse can be seen just after severe weather struck downtown Muncie. Storms tore across Central Indiana on Sunday. THE STAR PRESS

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